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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF ONE-HALF LARGE ENTITY FILING FEE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Small Entity Declaration for the above-identified National Stage Application. The application was filed on November 29, 1999 and the large entity fee of \$840 was paid at that time. Since it is less than 2 months since the application has been filed, Applicant respectfully requests that one-half of the large entity filing fee, \$420, be refunded in lieu of the timely filing of the Small Entity Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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